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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully request that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and that the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

The present application is a §371 national application of PCT Application No. PCT/US03/20443 filed June 26, 2003. The PCT Application is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), a copy of the listed

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documents, A1-A5, are not enclosed as they have been previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the International Search Report dated 24 November 2004.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other possibly material information, as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, exists.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits; and hence, is believed to be timely-filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement; however, if any fees should be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11916.0064.PCUS00.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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